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**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **VERWOERD - 1 PCT (RCE-2)**

SERIAL NO.: **10/550,133** EXAMINER: **Gilbert Y. LEE**

FILED: **OCTOBER 26, 2005** GROUP: **3676**

TITLE: **ANNULAR-GAP SEAL FOR A VALVE**

**Mail Stop AF**  
**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD  
OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed

May 12, 2009 finally rejecting claims 8-13.

The items checked below are appropriate:

**1. STATUS OF APPLICANT**

This application is on behalf of

other than small entity 07/29/2009 SDIRETAL 00000011 10550133  
 small entity 01 FC:1401 540.00 OP

Verified statement

attached

already filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(e), the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

<input type="checkbox"/> small entity	\$ 270.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other than a small entity	\$ 540.00

Notice of Appeal fee due \$ 540.00

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**NOTE:** The time periods set forth in 37 CFR 1.191 are subject to the provision of § 1.136 for patent applications 37 CFR 1.191(d). (But see 37 CFR 1.645 for extension of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extension of time in reexamination proceedings.)

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Mail Stop After Final, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria , VA 22313-1450.

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**3. EXTENSION OF TERM**

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 130.00	\$ 65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 490.00	\$ 245.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,110.00	\$555.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,730.00	\$ 865.00

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for    month has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$    is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

or

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**4. TOTAL FEE DUE**

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee \$ 540.00

Extension fee (if any) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEE DUE \$ 540.00**

**5. FEE PAYMENT**

Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 540.00

Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

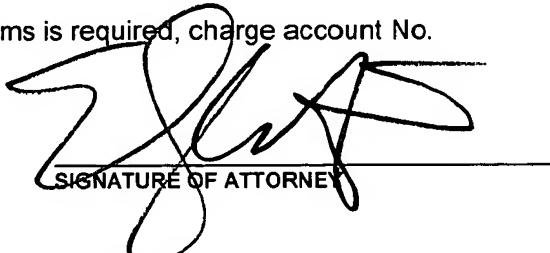
## 6. FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, 1065 O.G. 31-33.

If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge account No.  
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